Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Martha Johnson, and we are richer because Martha lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Martha was born April 17, 1916, in Waverly, South Dakota, she was the youngest of five girls and helped with the family farm but valuing education, Martha became a teacher for over 40 years, where 25 of those years were with the Watertown School District; and,

Whereas, Martha married Ervin Johnson, and to this union they were blessed with four children, Caroline, Stephen, Jim, and Paul; and,

Whereas, Martha has actively enjoyed traveling, gardening, knitting, participating in church, keeping up with her family, and is an avid Twins baseball fan; and,

Whereas, Martha will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on April 15, 2016, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2016, as

MARTHA JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.
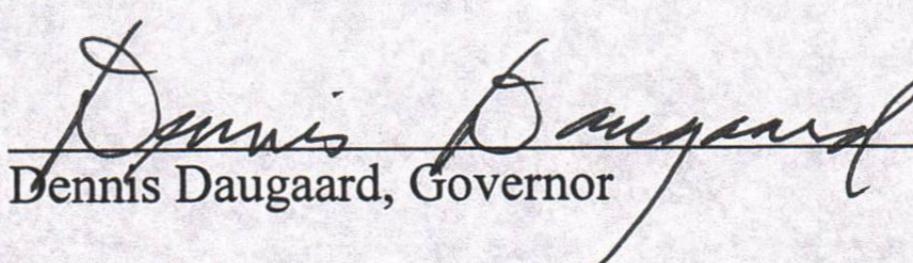
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

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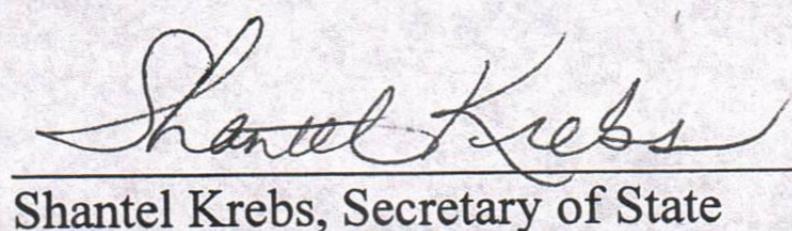
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State